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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/521,614

Applicant(s)

BUCKER ET AL.

Examiner

Iraj A. Mohandesi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 09/21/2006; with respect to objection to specification regarding the abstract and the objection of claims 9 and 10 have been fully considered and are persuasive.
2. Applicant respectfully submits that the abstract has been amended to avoid such phraseology, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant
3. Applicants also submit that claims 9 and 10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to other multiple-dependent claims.
4. The objection of 09/07/2006 has been withdrawn.
5. Applicant's arguments regarding claim1 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Rebsdorf'764 discloses a variable speed wind turbine having a converter, wherein the frequencies of the fed-in rotor currents are controlled depending on the rotor rotation frequency and the fed-in unit is electrically decoupled from the rotor windings in the case predetermined variations of the grid voltage amplitude (see column 9, lines 19-39) the rotor current feed-in is resumed after the decoupling caused by the variation of the grid voltage amplitude, when the currents generated in the rotor windings by the variation have declined to a predetermined value (see column 10.line 25-40 0 and the rotor currents are fed in via a converter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rebsdorf US patent 6,566,764.

Rebsdorf'764 discloses a variable speed wind turbine having a converter providing of operating a wind turbine (200, column 8, line 56, Fig.2), wherein rotor (212) windings of an induction generator (210, column 8, line 59), which comprises stator coils (213, column 9, line 1) coupled to a voltage grid (column 9, line 11), fed with rotor currents by a feed-in unit are driven by a rotor of the wind turbine; wherein the frequencies of the fed-in rotor currents are controlled depending on the rotor rotation frequency and the feed-in unit is electrically decoupled from the rotor windings in the case predetermined variations of the grid voltage amplitude (see column 9, lines 19-39) the rotor current feed-in is resumed after the decoupling caused by the variation of the grid voltage amplitude, when the currents generated in the rotor windings by the variation have declined to a predetermined value (see column 10, line 25-40) and the rotor currents are fed in via a converter (151, Fig. 1) coupled to the grid voltage, in particular via an intermediate DC voltage (152 DC link) converter with a rotor-sided rotor current converter and a grid-sided grid converter (154, Fig.1) and during the decoupling the rotor windings are short-circuited (see column 3, line 15-18).

7. New claims 11-19 have been added and are supported by specification .

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 5-19 are allowed.
9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
10. The prior art of the record in particular Rebsdorf'764 does not teach or suggest a supporting structure for a wind turbine comprising: a rotor with at least one rotor blade, the rotor being rotatably arranged with regard to a substantially horizontal rotor axis including inter alias , an emergency unit which can be operated to electrically decouple the feed-in unit from the rotor windings in case of variations of the grid voltage amplitude, characterized in that wherein the emergency unit comprises a release arrangement for releasing the rotor current feed-in after decoupling, when the currents generated in the rotor windings by variation of the grid voltage amplitude triggering the decoupling are declined to a predetermined value.

Conclusion

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

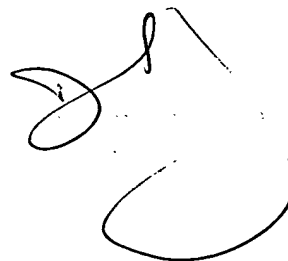
shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Iraj A. Mohandesi whose telephone number is 571-272-2028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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I Mohandesi March 2, 2007

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